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200 Southern College Teachers Will Sponsor Atlanta Conference

A South-wide conference on discrimination in higher education will be held April 8 at Atlanta University under the sponsorship of a group of 200 professors and administrators from more than 100 colleges and universities in 16 Southern states and the District of Columbia.

The purpose of the meeting as outlined by Dr. Ludd M. Spivey, president of Florida Southern College, who is conference chairman, will be to focus attention upon and to stimulate greater concern for the elimination of discrimination in higher education in the Southern states.

"Certain basic and inevitable changes are taking place in the South in the field of racial practices in education," Dr. Spivey said. "Seven states now admit Negroes in graduate and professional schools of the state university.

"A federal judge in Virginia has held in contempt, and fined, a school board for failure to fulfill an order to equalize educational opportunities. Segregation of Mexican children has been held to be unconstitutional. Southern legislatures are appropriating unprecedented amounts for support of schools for Negroes.

"Yet, today, in no Southern community can it be said that in the treatment of racial minorities there is anything even remotely approximating the basic American concepts of democracy and equality of educational opportunity," Dr. Spivey pointed out.

Keynote speaker for the assembly will be Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, head of the department of sociology at Howard University, and former president of the American Sociological Society.

There will be two sessions of panel discussions, both to be held in the Conference room of the Arnette University library. At the morning session "The Present Situation and Recent Gains" will be considered and at the afternoon meeting "The Regional School Plan" and "Methods and Techniques for Eliminating Discrimination" will be discussed. In this program will be included addresses by outstanding specialists, factual reports from institutions where Negroes have been admitted to graduate and professional schools as to how this policy has worked out in actual practice, and graphic and other exhibits.

DR. FRAZIER
Keynote
Speaker

PRESIDENT SPIVEY
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All administrative officials, teachers and students of Southern institutions of higher learning are invited to attend the conference, as well as officials of state departments of education, labor leaders, ministers and other professional men with a special interest in education. Delegates are expected from the 13 Southern states, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Missouri, New Mexico and the District of Columbia. A partial list of sponsors is given on page two.

Any one interested in securing further information about the conference may contact the Southern Conference Educational Fund, 822 Perdido St., New Orleans, La., which is serving as coordinator.

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Anti-Segregation Bill in Virginia Assembly Draws Record Crowd

ROBERT T. MITCHELL, bus official (left), is questioned by Delegate BOOTHE, testifies Non-segregation works well.

Another anti-segregation move was stymied in the Virginia General Assembly last month. In a secret ballot, the Judiciary Committee of the House of Delegates turned down, 9-7, proposals by Delegate Armistead Boothe which would have kicked Jim Crow off Virginia street cars and buses and would have established a commission to study racial relations.

"To no one's great surprise" this happened, said the Richmond *Times-Dispatch*. Yet what was surprising, and heartening to Southern liberals, was the nature of the public hearing accorded the bill.

¶ Not a single opponent of the measure was present to give his side of the case.

¶ The crowd attending the hearing "packed the House floor and galleries and overflowed deep into the corridors outside. It was predominently of Negroes, but included a liberal sprinkling of whites." It was estimated as the biggest turnout of the 1950 session.

Bishop TUCKER

Ex-Governor DARDEN

¶ Ex-Governor Colgate W. Darden, Jr., president of the University of Virginia, testified to the committee that he didn't think the bill's passage would satisfy all anti-segregation demands, but it would "remove an area of friction that ought to be removed."

¶ The Rt. Rev. H. St. George Tucker, former presiding bishop of the U. S. Episcopal Church, testified that he favored the proposals, because "segregation violates the fundamental principles on which this country was founded."

¶ J. B. Woodward, president of Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., endorsed the legislation as head of a company which employs a large number of Negroes and which has "most satisfactory" race relations with no discriminations.

DR. JACKSON

¶ Dr. Luther P. Jackson, professor of history at Virginia State College, and Board member of SCEF, testified to the constantly suffered humiliations in riding buses between Petersburg and Richmond.

¶ Robert T. Mitchell, vice-president of the Alexandria, Barcroft and Washington Coach Co., which operates buses between Washington, D. C., and Northern Virginia told of that line's experiences before and after it installed non-segregation policies. Whereas formerly the company had had many "complaints and discussions" arising from segregation enforcement, including "eight to 10" court cases a year, not a single "complaint or incident" has reached it since non-segregation began, he testified.

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The girls dormitory at Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, N. C. was gutted by fire last month. Its 110 residents escaped harm as they had been sent to Greensboro to see the movie "Pinkie" at the time of the blaze.

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, president of the 49-year-old institute for Negro students, said that only $35,000 to $50,000 worth of insurance was on the $150,000 structure. Friends are rushing cash and other gifts to help out in the situation.

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Arguments in the Sweatt, McLaurin, Henderson cases, involving racial segregation, have been re-scheduled for the week of April 3 by the U. S. Supreme Court.